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A BANKRUPTCY CASE.

In the case in which an application was made for a receiving order in respect of China Yacht, before the Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, R.C., today, Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro, who made the application, said it had been adjourned in order that he might communicate with the debtor to ascertain if he could raise a sum of \$1,000 in order to commence certain actions so as to increase the assets. He had written the debtor but could get no reply and now asked for a further adjournment.
The Deputy Official Receiver (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher) objected. The case had been adjourned since August time since August last. There was not a possible chance of raising the \$1,000.
Mr. D'Almada said a further adjournment would not prejudice the Official Receiver. The Official Receiver—I think it an abuse of the process of the Court.
Mr. D'Almada: With all due respect I submit the Official Receiver is not before the Court and has no locus standi.
The matter was further adjourned for a week.

SPORTING.

The Calendar.
Sunday, March 20.
VOLUNTEERS.—Musketry; standard test for all members not having done this; all day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; monthly shoot; Tai Hang range, 9 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
YACHTING.—Royal H.K. Yacht Club Handicap and One Design Class racing; 2.30 and 2.40 p.m.; distance, 13 miles.
Monday, March 21.
VOLUNTEERS.—Squad drill and rifle exercises; recruits, all units. Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22.
VOLUNTEERS.—5 "Howitzer and 2.56" gun drill; Reserve artillery Co's. Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23.
VOLUNTEERS.—Technical instruction, Engineer Co., West Fort, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 24.
VOLUNTEERS.—25 quick-firing gun drill; Quarry Bay, 5.15 p.m.
LAWYERS.
The latest results in connection with the Hongkong C.C. tournament are:—
CHAMPIONSHIP.
Capt. R. D. Crawford beat W. F. Brereton, 4/1, 7/5, 9/4.
Capt. J. A. S. Murray beat M. R. Harris, 6/4, 9/4, 4/10, 9/4.
Capt. T. Brierley (over 15/4) beat Dr. G. E. Aubrey (over 15/4) 6/4, 7/5.
S. S. Logan (over 2/6) beat E. C. Hagen (over 2/6) 2/6, 6/4.
1st CLASS SINGLES.
D. Johnson (over 15/3) beat O. Heckel (over 4/6) 6/1, 9/2.
L. N. J. Williams (over 4/6) beat Lt. H. W. Green (over 3/8) 6/1, 9/3.
Lt. C. E. Davidson beat F. B. Rickett (over 2/6) 3/8, 9/2, 6/3.
F. Jacks (over 4/6) beat Lt. G. O. Richardson (over 15/3) 3/8, 6/4, 9/7.
2nd CLASS SINGLES.
C. E. Shields and A. R. Sutherland (over 17/4) beat E. W. Kirby and A. M. Marshall (over 15/4) 6/1, 9/2.
Capt. R. A. Craig and Capt. A. D. Warren (over 15/3) beat E. Davidson and B. Johnson (over 15/4) 6/4, 9/2.
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The Chinese M.C.A. held their annual sports at Quarry Bay, on Saturday, March 20.

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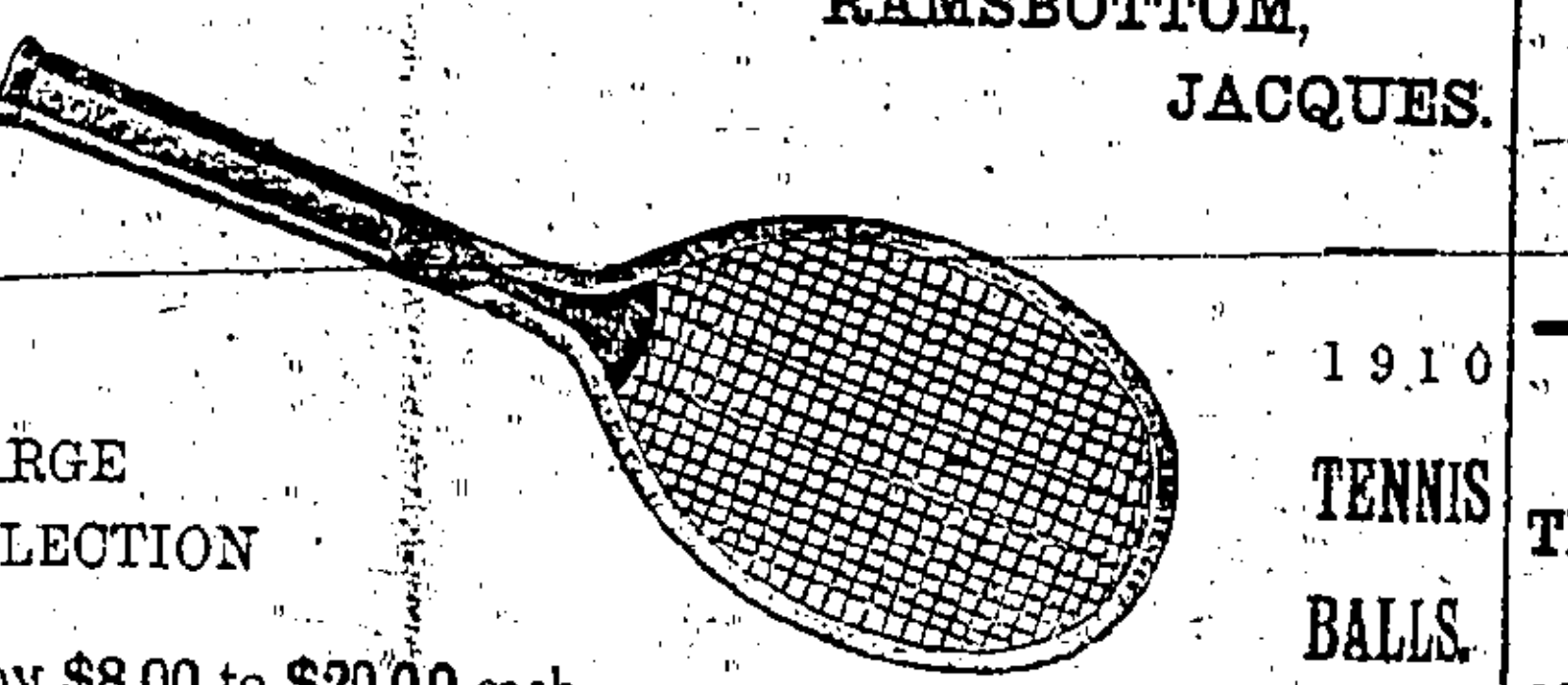
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	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
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**MEMOS FOR MONDAY.
Auction.**3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Office.**General Memoranda.**TUESDAY, March 22.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of High-class Jewellery at Messrs Hughes & Hough's
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Sales Rooms.THURSDAY, March 24.—
11 a.m.—Meeting of the China Sugar
Refining Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co.'s Office.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Leuzon Sugar
Refining Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1910.

THE PROPOSED HANKOW
UNIVERSITY.

RECTOR has informed us during the past week or two of important meetings held in England to further the scheme propounded by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and warmly supported in America, to found in China a big central University for the dissemination of modern educational ideals. We gather from the meagre details which reach us over the wires that the proposal is winning much support in the old country and there now seems every possibility of the scheme eventuating. All those who have the welfare of China fully at heart cannot but rejoice that such benevolent projects as these are in the air. In some respects, of course, it may seem somewhat anomalous, not to say presumptuous, for western nations to test up in the heart of China, the immortal home of classical scholarship, an alien system of pedagogy. Indeed, we have heard some patriotic Chinamen declare that much as they appreciate the kind intentions of the Universities of England in this matter, they would greatly prefer that foreigners did not meddle with them in their attempts at affording facilities for education to their own people. They say that Japan has established her Universities of Tokyo and Kyoto, has developed a very complete system of elementary and secondary education throughout her land entirely from her own resources, and they would like China to do the same. It is a laudable ambition and one that is quite understandable. Nevertheless, China would be foolish if she rejected the proffered help of the schoolmen of the West in the present condition of affairs. If it were left to China alone, to provide herself with Universities, we are afraid the advance of the new learning, at least upon satisfactory lines, would be greatly retarded. We write this in no spirit of arrogance, but from a conviction derived from many years' study of the vast and complicated problems

offered by this huge Chinese empire. The Chinese reformers have all meant well, but somehow or other they never seem to be able to strike out the right path. They have either been too fancifully idealistic or else too materialistic. Again they have never been able to emancipate themselves from the swathing bands of conventionalities and ritual with which the centuries have enveloped the mental processes of the Chinese mind. In other words, they are splendid theorists but had execrable practical men. H. E. Tootal Wai has would no doubt dissent from this statement of the case, and we would give his objection due weight, but all the same we do not see ourselves receding from the position here assumed. If China is going to abandon the ancient paths and follow instead the learning which has been developed in the schools of the West she will have also to acquire a capacity for utilising that knowledge properly, otherwise it will be a thing of naught, and a source of peril, nay of positive disaster. Ill-digested, unassimilated, the learning of the West would breed nothing but turmoil, discontent and ultimately corruption. But if on the other hand China can receive the wisdom of the West through proper channels, channels which will conduce to the making of men of sound moral character as well as of sane learning, then it will be well with her. Character, as Lord William Grosvenor says, is the key to the success of all English schools and universities. Western civilization without moral character is not a very attractive product, and we should be sorry indeed to see China exchanging the wisdom of the Confucian ideals for something infinitely worse in the matter of gross materialism. That is the great danger of the era in China and one which will require a good deal of careful thought on the part of the governing body of the new University of Hongkong if our own scholastic venture is not to end in moral shipwreck. China will do well therefore to accept the hand of practical friendship held out to her from England and place every facility possible in the way of the Hankow University project. Hitherto, we say it to our shame, China has not seen so very much of the best side of Occidental civilization, from the days of the Portuguese filibusters down to the last sacking of Peking; the establishment of Universities at Hongkong and Hankow will, however, we fervently trust, bring us before the Chinese nation—literati, officialdom, middle classes, and proletariat—in quite a different guise, a guise that shall win for us eventually their respect and esteem, so that again we shall see the golden age return to China, that age when this mighty empire with its teeming myriads of sober, law-abiding, and self-respecting citizens was distinguished from the hordes of barbarians and cannibals of spirit.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr A. W. Burkhill of Shanghai passed through on the Macedonia.

H. E. the Governor of Macao is paying a private visit to Hongkong, arriving here last evening.

The Rev. F. T. Johnson, Senior Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, leaves the Colony on leave by the next English Mail.

Mr and Mrs E. G. Barrett were passengers homeward to-day by the Pacific Mail steamer Manzanilla. They had a very heavy send-off.

Mrs Lander and daughters left for England to-day on the P. and O. Macedonia. Mrs Lander hopes to be back in the Colony by September.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Vice-Consul Markwald as being in charge of the German Consulate at Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. Voretsch.

Among the well-known faces on the home going English Mail to-day was Captain Allan Jones, Commodore of the Shan Hai. He is going home to Wales on well-earned leave.

AN EXCELLENT LIMENT.

EVERY family and especially those who live in the country should be provided at all times with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. There is no telling when it may be wanted in case of an accident or emergency. It is most efficient in all cases of rheumatism, sprains, bruises, etc. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.
General Broadwood the Defence
of the Empire.

The annual Volunteer inspection took place this afternoon by His Excellency Major General Broadwood. There was a good muster, the men all looking epic and spud in the bright sunshine. The inspection and march, past was watched by a large gathering of interested spectators. Addressing the men,

His Excellency said—Colonel Chapman, officers and men, H.K.V.C.—I have been very pleased throughout the past training with the work you have done towards making yourselves efficient as fighting men. I was particularly pleased at the keenness shown by those who were able to attend the camp in the New Territory, and I consider that camp a great advance from the point of view of practical soldiering on any previous camp. I have seen here: I am sorry to say, that the corps is far from being filled up to its establishment. I know that there are plenty of able-bodied men in the Colony who would come forward in an emergency to assist in the defence of the Empire and I know that they think that if a man is a good shot and a good sportsman he is fit to take his place in the fighting line. I can assure you that this is a fallacy and that an untrained man in the fighting line, no matter how good a shot he may be, is not only useless but a danger in modern war. I don't tell you this on my own authority alone but also on that of a far greater soldier, Sir John French, who during his stay here was much impressed by the difficulty of the surrounding country and said that here more than in other parts of the empire an untrained man would be useless in the fighting line. The imperial idea is growing, both at home and in the overseas colonies; that is, people are realizing that the empire can only be kept together by every man making himself ready to take part in its defence and that it cannot depend on the standing army only for its defence. If you can take this idea in Hongkong you will have done as much good as by your example in making yourselves fit.—(Cheers.)

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-morrow is Palm Sunday.

The Cleveland left Hongkong for Manila shortly before nine o'clock on Friday evening.

Mr Leshire, of Lyceum Villas, Kowloon, is the latest victim of the far too busy sneak thief.

At the last general election in the British Isles, 1,083,315 people entitled to vote declined to exercise their privilege.

Work has been resumed at last on the market at Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, the greatly delayed iron-work having arrived. Why should Government undertakings be subject to these delays?

University College, London, appeals for £70,000 to build new chemical laboratories in honour of the present occupant of its Chemistry Chair—Sir William Ramsay, the discoverer of a whole group of elements.

The Macedonia to-day took away a very large number of passengers. She is the direct home-going P. and O. mail steamer, and we could wish that the Company could see their way to sending more like her direct home from China.

Real importance will attach to Mr D. C. Lethbridge's "Religious Life of William Ewart Gladstone." In the first place, it is a work supplementary to Lord Morley's "Gladstone," and secondly it contains much unpublished correspondence. Notable names are brought up by this correspondence—Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Newman, Mr. Dilke, and Mr. Bright. The book, which Mr Murray will publish in two volumes, is now nearly ready.

From Messrs Rombech and Co., agents for the Oliver Typewriter Co., and the Ronco duplicator, we have received a very fine film copier ribbon. The special feature of this ribbon is that it is only inked on one side which on being placed next to the paper in writing the type strikes on a clean surface each time and consequently never gets clogged. The Oliver typewriter, which is justly popular in Hongkong as well as other places in the Far East, is being constantly improved and is one of the best and most compact machines on the market.

Opium smuggling into Bangkok, remarks the Bangkok Times, has practically ceased to exist, and the simple reason of this is that the Chinamen cannot make money at it. Despite the number of captures and the subsequent fine or imprisonment of the offenders, the trade in smuggled opium flourished, but once the buying price in Hongkong and Swatow reached a too high figure the trade ceased. Now opium fetches \$3 a ton in Swatow, and \$4 in Hongkong. In Bangkok the price paid for smuggled opium varies between three and four, as against the Government's selling price of two. This does not give the "importer" a chance, and the market is dull, pending a drop in the price per ton in Hongkong and Swatow.

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ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE
TO BRITISH RULE.WARM APPRECIATION AT
KHARTOUM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 19.
Mr. Roosevelt, speaking at the Sudan Club, in Khartoum, paid a warm tribute to the work of the British officials in Africa. Any attempt, he said, to upset Great Britain's beneficent regime would be a crime against humanity.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

VICTORY FOR JENKINTOWN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 19.
The Grand National Steeplechase has resulted as follows:—
Jenkinson 1
Jerry 2
Odor 3
Twenty-five ran, and the betting was—Jenkinson, 100 to 8; Jerry, 6 to 1; Odor, 100 to 1.

BANDMANN OPERA Co.

"The Arcadians."

If the first play staged by the Bandmann Opera Company and the manner of its production can be taken as a fair sample of what is to follow during their stay in Hongkong, then we are in for a right happy time. Last night was the first occasion on which "The Arcadians" had been put on here, and it is not saying too much to state that the large audience present went into raptures over the piece. The dash and "go," coupled with the music and humour with which the play abounds, justify its being described as one of the prettiest musical comedies we have had in Hongkong for many a day.

Mr Robert Courtneidge's story is nothing if not original. In the first act, we are taken to the Vales of Arcady peopled by shepherds and shepherdesses where jealousy and lying are unknown. Into this blessed land a new element is introduced in the person of James Smith of London. He shocks the feelings of the Arcadians by a too ready resort to a lie in time of trouble and for this is condemned to be dipped in the well of truth, from which he emerges possibly with all his desires for life washed away. No longer too-is he an old, bald, side-whiskered London grocer, but a full-blown Arcadian. Charmed with this success, two Arcadian maidens, Sombra and Chryseas by name, take it into their pretty little heads to seduce him, and thus to convert the barbarous Londoner. In Act II, we find them in England and attending a race meeting at Ascot, where Sombra, finding Jack Meadows, who has been kind to her, at a loss through his pocket being lost, causes Smith to return to the London merchant, to take the recent saddle. We are informed at this period by Sombra that Meadows' horse has repeated his wickedness and is to win the race, no matter who his jockey may be, the horses having settled this matter to their own liking. This Sombra remarks, is what always really is done. The end of the act comes with the exciting finish to the race when the horses ridden by the emergency jockey, who lies like a huge bag of sawdust on his mount's back, come home, and the stage effect is exceedingly ingenious. The third act continues the process of conversion in England, but the missionaries from Arcady gradually realize that all is not as it should be and that their converts are not as seemingly so. Sadly Sombra and her companion, nymphs return where they came from, and again, however, Smith behind, with the wife who after an innumerable laughable episodes at length has discovered his identity. Before he goes, Sombra does one good deed, in that by her exertions Jack Meadows marries Ellen Cavanagh, under the name of really caring for her and not for the fair-haired Arcadian.

The piece was exceedingly well put on, the dresses most attractive, while the music was made the very best of by the capable artists. Honours were well shared by the leading characters. On this first appearance before a Hongkong audience Miss Hebe Kneller created a charming impression in the part of Sombra, the Arcadian shepherdess to whom the very idea of a falsehood was an abomination. Not only was her acting graceful and natural, but her voice, in the vocal numbers which fell to her lot, was shown to be of remarkable range and purity. She equitably sang "The Pipes of Pan" and "The Vales of Arcady" and was again and again encored. Mention must also be made of Miss Florence Beech, whom everybody was glad to welcome again. As Chryseas, she was most fascinating, her singing had the hall-mark of excellence, and with Mr Harry Cole in the part of Meadows, who was a most successful "Mary Widow" walks out she was a screaming success. Among the newcomers Miss Connie Loon came in for a good deal of notice. As the gay, light-hearted little Irish lassie, Ellen Cavanagh, she was irresistible. Her delightful brogue appeared no less than her singing, in which she excelled by her happy rendering of the song "Roses." Her dancing, too, was extremely dainty—quite one of the features of the evening. There is one other lady who has of special mention—Miss Wilmet Keston. She took the role of the raw, happy-go-lucky Mrs Smith to a dizzy, and was responsible for not a little of the laughter which rang through the building almost without cessation from the commencement of the play to the end. Mr Harry Cole, as funny and cheerful as ever, was given a great reception. In the double role of James Smith and Simplicitas he was the life and soul of the piece. Whenever he appeared on the stage it was a most difficult matter to keep a straight face; he always made the most of a situation. As a comedian he is a par excellence. Another extraordinarily funny character was that of Peter Dooey, the melancholy jockey, who had never been known to win a race, though he had "waited" to mere odds and bones. Mr Alfred Frith had this part and it could not possibly be in better hands. He was weirdly amusing—a comedian of quite the opposite school to Mr Harry Cole. With such a pair of funny men one does not wonder that the Company has met with such success wherever it has gone. Other artists, amongst whom were several familiar faces, also did their work thoroughly well. To-night "The Arcadians" will again be put on, and we anticipate another crowded house.

TURKEY'S NEW NAVY.

BIG ORDERS PLACED IN
ENGLAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 19.
Turkey has placed orders for two battleships at Elswick and Barrow, and for a cruiser at Clydebank. The total contracts amount to five million sterling.

BRITISH EXCHEQUER
BONDS.

NEW ISSUE AT 90.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 19.
Twenty-one million five-year 3 per cent. Exchequer bonds were issued to-day at 90.

THE FUSHIMIS IN
PARIS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, March 19.
M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, gave a luncheon to-day to Prince and Princess Fushimi. The Ministers of War and Agriculture were present.

BIG FIRE IN YOKOHAMA.

1,000 HOUSES BURNED.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, March 19.
A big fire broke out in Yokohama this morning and about 1,000 houses have been burned.

FOREIGNERS TO
ACQUIRE LAND.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, March 19.
The Lower House has passed the bill granting foreigners the right to acquire land, with slight amendments moved by the Seiyukai.

JAPANESE WELCOME TO
PRINCE TSAI TSO.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, March 19.
Vice Admiral Kaminuma, of the First Japanese Squadron, with the Suwo and Sagami, will leave Matsue Island to meet and welcome His Highness Tso Tso, of China.

JAPANESE DECORATION
FOR CHINESE VICEROY.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 18.
H. E. Chin Kuei Lung, Viceroy of Chihli, has been decorated by the Emperor of Japan with an Order of the first Class.

SECRECY IMPOSED.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 18.
The Board of War has asked the Board of Foreign Affairs that in future all matters relating to military topics or international negotiations be kept secret and refused publication in the newspapers.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

The date of the Philharmonic Society's spring concert has had to be postponed through an unavoidable circumstance. It will now probably be held on April 4th or April 6th. Particulars will be later given in our advertising columns.

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AN UNDISCHARGED
BANKRUPT.Son of a Wealthy Hongkong
Chinaman.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Before the Acting Chief Justice (Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies), sitting in Bankruptcy jurisdiction, this morning, the case of Tsai Chung-let was mentioned.

Mr F. P. Hett, who appeared for debtor, said the last order made in this case was an order discharging debtor, but suspending the discharge for one year and a direction that debtor should report himself at the expiration of that term. Debtor was now before the Court.

Debtor, replying to Mr A. G. M. Fletcher (Deputy Official Receiver), said he had been doing nothing since the making of the order. His father's administrator had been supporting his (debtor's) wife and he (debtor) had been dependent on friends and clansmen. He had been receiving between \$30 and \$40 a month.

How do you manage to dress like you do on between \$30 and \$40 a month?—There is nothing stylish about this. These are old clothes.

You have admitted that three years prior to your bankruptcy you spent over \$13,000 on yourself?—Yes, I did. And you have been able to reduce your expenditure from \$13,000 to \$300 a year?—That is so.

The Official Receiver said there were two grounds on which he should ask that the order be not made absolute. One was the debtor's conduct in bankruptcy. He failed to appear at the expiration of the year—December 4th—and it was now only after he had been written to that he appeared. The other ground was that possibly some property might be realised. Nothing had yet been paid and expenses even could not be covered.

His Lordship—Have any new facts come to your knowledge since the order was made?

The Official Receiver—No, my Lord. I summoned a meeting of creditors for Tuesday last, but none appeared. So they apparently are not interested in the matter.

His Lordship, after questioning debtor, said debtor had given no excuse for not appearing before, and under those circumstances he thought the discharge should be suspended for a further period. He had directly neglected to obey the order of the Court.

Mr Hett said debtor did not wish to do anything contrary to the orders of the court. He simply forgot to appear. The order came up without any pressure. He (Mr Hett) submitted that the order discharging debtor and the suspension were absolute orders. The object of the suspension was to see if anything transpired after the order, so that if necessary criminal proceedings could be taken. Debtor believed he had a good claim on his late father's estate. He would like the Official Receiver to commence an action and if successful all the creditors could be paid in full. The father was a very wealthy man in Hongkong and left a great deal of property. The debtor claimed that the will was a forgery. He and another brother were cut out and the property was divided up among deceased's concubines and other children. To the exclusion of debtor. If debtor were charged he would undoubtedly commence an action for his share in the property and he would give an undertaking that if successful he would pay his creditors in full.

His Lordship—What are the liabilities? The Official Receiver—\$70,000.

His Lordship—What has been paid? The Official Receiver—Nothing at all.

Mr Hett said he did not object to a further suspension if the Official Receiver would say he would commence an action.

The Official Receiver thought the Court ought not to grant a discharge in order to allow debtor to realise certain property. It was the trustee's duty to take any such action.

His Lordship suspended the discharge or a further period of six months.

In the case of Sang Cheong Chan, timber dealer, of Kowloon, the Official Receiver said the failure was due to depression in trade. The total indebtedness was \$30,000, and a dividend of \$4.10 per cent. had been paid. There was a fair prospect of some \$4,000 being recovered from the estate. Debtor had rendered every assistance and should be discharged.

The discharge order was granted and suspended for a year.

SALON CINEMATOGRAF.

Miss Jessie Thorne and Miss Doris McAuley, expert dancers are appearing at the Salon Cinematograph, in a new and original sketch entitled "The School Girls," while Mr Carl Wallner continues to delight the numerous patrons. To-morrow, at the matinee a skipping rope competition is to be held for girls under 14 years of age and during Holy Week a series of fine films illustrating the Bible Life and Death of Jesus Christ will be shown on the screen.

